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PRESENTATION
ON
ANNUAL REPORT 2015-16

Infrastructural Development Support

- ▶ **DST-FIST** -Total amount sanctioned is One Crore out of which 82 lakhs have been approved for Equipment, 8 lakhs for infrastructural development, 7 lakhs for computer lab set up and 3 lakhs for books.
- ▶ **RUSA** - Rupees Fifty Lakh out of Two Crores sanctioned in the month of September, 2015 under Rashtriya Uchchatar Siksha Abhiyan (RUSA).



DST-FIST sponsored Computer Laboratory

NSS Activities

- Cleaning of the College campus, Awareness programme and clothes distribution in slum areas



- AIDS and cancer awareness seminar



NSS Activities

- ▶ A book fair was organized in the college premises by National Book Trust in September 2015 in collaboration with the NSS Unit



Alumni association activities

- ▶ **May 2015:** Pandit Ishwarchandra Vidyasagar's gift to Chandramukhi Basu (One of the volumes of the Collected Works of Shakespeare), one of India's first female graduates and our alumna, was handed over to the institution by members of the Alumni Association.
- ▶ **3rd September, 2015:** The Mrinalini Emerson Memorial Lecture delivered by Vice Chancellor of West Bengal State University, Professor Basab Chaudhuri.
- ▶ **12th September, 2015:** The alumni association organized 'Anandamela', the annual fete on 12th September 2015. A health camp was also organized on the same day.
- ▶ **29th January, 2016:** the Alumni Association organized its annual reunion

Ethics and Value Education Lectures

- ▶ Dr. Sudeshna Mitra, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy spoke on 'Psychological Perspective of Ethics.'
- ▶ Nirmalya Narayan Chakraborty , Associate Professor , Department of Philosophy, Rabindra Bharati University delivered a lecture titled 'Why be Moral?'
- ▶ Smt Moumita Dutta, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science spoke on 'Ethics.'
- ▶ Professor Dipak Ghosh, Former Professor, Department of Physics, Jadavpur University, delivered his lecture on 'Ethics and Value: Neuro Cognitive Perspective.'



Cultural Activities

- ▶ The students actively participated in the drill and march past on the **Republic Day and Independence Day**.



- ▶ On these two days, the different clubs in the college, like **Photography Club**, **Art & Craft Club**, and **Literary Club** exhibited their work in the college premises.



► **Bethune Day** was celebrated on 12th August, 2015. Professor Amal Kumar Mukhopadhyay, Former Principal, Presidency College delivered the Bethune Day lecture. Dr. Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay, Director, Indian Statistical Institute and an alumna of this college was felicitated on this day.



► The Annual Fest AALAP 2015 was held on 11th December, 2015 where students from different colleges participated making it a grand success. Bethune College was declared the Champion.



- ▶ The Annual Sports was held on the 18th and 19th of December, 2015. Celebrated Sports personality Sri Deep Dasgupta was the Guest of Honor. The Department of Philosophy was declared the Champions. The individual Champion was Susmita Singha , UG III of Philosophy department.



► Other Cultural Activities



Rabindra Jayanti



Bengali drama “Alibaba” performed by students on Annual Prize Day, 2016



Cultural Programme of Sanskrit, 2015

NAAC 2015

- ▶ Post accreditation by NAAC in 2006 with an “A” grade, the college relentlessly worked to implement the suggestions provided by the Peer Team.
- ▶ Several post-accreditation initiatives like **new postgraduate courses** were introduced.
- ▶ The institution was recognized as a Centre with **Potential for Excellence. Multifacility Centres for Arts and Science** were established.
- ▶ **Internet facilities** were expanded widely with a significant rise in the number of computers.
- ▶ The library was made user friendly with open access system for students, subscription to INFLIBNET facility and LAN connectivity.
- ▶ Several teachers were engaged in **UGC-sponsored Major and Minor Research Projects.**
- ▶ **Reaccredited in 2015 with the 'A' grade again**, Bethune College celebrates years of quality enhancement and sustenance.
- ▶ It has been our eternal endeavor to adopt novel initiatives and strategies keeping in mind the recommendations of the NAAC Peer Team. With generous help and encouragement of the Governing Body, administrative and financial assistance from the Department of Higher Education, Government of West Bengal and constant cooperation from all the stakeholders, **Bethune College has played a major role in contributing to the cause of women in the country, producing empowered and enlightened individuals.**

Students' Participation & Achievements

- ▶ The students of this college have consistently commendable performances in the University Examinations. Number of students securing First Class marks from this college is ever on the rise. Worth mentioning are the students of the departments of Psychology, Zoology, Computer Science, Bengali, Philosophy and Economics who have secured ranks in the University Examinations in the last session.
- ▶ Three PG II students of the Botany department attended the 17th All India Congress on Cytology and Genetics, An International Symposium on Exploring Genomes: The New Frontier in December 2015.
- ▶ 6 students of Mathematics department attended Students' Research Programme at NIT, Durgapur.
- ▶ 7 students of UG II and UG III attended the Mathematical Training and Talent Search funded by the National Board of Higher Mathematics organized by Rashtraguru Surendranath College, Barrackpore.
- ▶ The Post Graduate students of the Psychology Department have participated in a workshop on Art therapy on 7th December, 2015 organized by the Department of Psychology, West Bengal State University, Barasat.
- ▶ Students of Chemistry department participated in the Model Competition on bio-based polymers, UG level Kolkata District, Student Youth Science Fair in September, 2015 organized by the Dept of Youth Services, Govt of West Bengal. They secured the third position and qualified for State Level Students' Youth Science Fair 2015.

Students' Participation & Achievements

- ▶ Students of Chemistry department participated in CULTVISION 2015 organized by the Indian Association for the Cultivation of Sciences in April 2015. They also participated in the Deepta Memorial Symposium organized by Bose Institute, Kolkata in October 2015.
- ▶ 10 students of Physics department participated in the National Science Day Celebrations, at Variable Energy Cyclotron Centre, Kolkata in February 2015. The students of the department participated in a debate competition entitled 'Nuclear Energy is the Energy for the Future.'
- ▶ Four Postgraduate students of the Zoology department published papers in two International Journals and two papers in the Heritage journal with Dr. Rina Rani Ray.
- ▶ Students of the college qualified in various competitive exams like JAM, GATE and NET.
- ▶ 3 students of the Chemistry department were selected in a recruitment drive conducted by WIPRO. 2 students of the Department of English were selected in the on-campus recruitment drive conducted by Cognizant Technology Solutions.
- ▶ Aklanta Pain Majumder, a student of the English department, won the Inter College Competition organized by Women's Coordinating Council in the Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture on September 12, 2015. She won the Renuka Roy Memorial Trophy for her talk on Sister Nivedita.
- ▶ Students of Botany department participated and won prizes in the Debate Competition organized by West Bengal Biodiversity Board on 22nd May, 2015.
- ▶ Motivated and coached by a team of teachers, the students of the college participated in the Kolkata district Youth Parliament Competition for the year 2015-16 conducted by the Youth Parliament Affairs Department, Government of West Bengal.

Students Welfare Schemes

- ▶ The Government of West Bengal has introduced the Kanyashree scheme for improving the status and well-being of the girl child and under this scheme female students are awarded scholarships. The College encourages the students to apply for the scholarship. During the last session (2014-15), 37 students of the college were sanctioned a grant under the Kanyashree scheme.
- ▶ Welfare schemes for students also include freeships/half-freeships from the Government for tuition fees on merit-cum-means basis. During the current session, 110 students have benefitted from the half-freeship for tuition fees from the Government.
- ▶ Students receive financial aid from the Student-Aid Fund and different Endowment Funds. A Student Aid fund is run exclusively by the teachers. The College motivates the students through many awards and prizes on the basis of their performance both in academic and extracurricular activities. Each department has special staff prizes for its students.
- ▶ Apart from motivation to perform well academically, the college also looks into the psychological well-being of the students. The teachers of the Psychology department provide psychological counselling to the students in times of need.

Field Trips & Excursions

- ▶ The M.Sc students of Genetics Special paper visited National Institute of Biomedical Genetics ,Kalyani and those with Ecology Special paper visited Santragachi for collections and experiments.
- ▶ An excursion was conducted for both Postgraduate and Undergraduate Part II students of Zoology department at Dooars, Santalkhola including Gorumara Reserve forest and at Bakkhali, Henry's Island and adjoining area of South 24 Parganas.



- ▶ The Department of Philosophy organized a day trip to Science City, Kolkata in August 2015. A field trip was arranged to Budgebudge by the Chemistry department in December 2015.

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Botany Department: Workshops & Excursion

Students of UG II and PG II of Botany department went for an academic excursion to Himachal Pradesh in October 2015.

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Bengali Department: Excursion to Shantiniketan

The department of Bengali had organized an Educational Tour to Shantiniketan with the PG II and UG III students during the month of November (2nd to 4th of November) 2015.

Teachers' Participation & Achievements

- ▶ Dr Satarupa Bandyopadhyay has presented an invited research paper at the Eleventh World Congress of International Health Economics Association in Bocconi University, Milan, Italy and also chaired a session there.
- ▶ Dr. Maitri Ghosh has been an invited speaker at the Department of International Economics and Management, Copenhagen Business School, Denmark. She was also granted a full-funded Research Stay at the Department of International Economics and Management and the Asia Research Centre at Copenhagen Business School, Denmark, 2015.
- ▶ Dr Amrita Bagchi presented a paper in the International Congress of Bengal Studies held in Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Tokyo, Japan on 12th -13th December 2015.
- ▶ Sri Samiran Ghosh participated and presented his paper in International Seminar at Indian Statistical Institute in India Biodiversity Meet, in November, 2015.
- ▶ Dr. Sutapa Datta participated in International workshop on "Climate Studies and Emerging Issues" in March, 2015.

Teachers' Participation & Achievements

- ▶ Dr. Pallavi Banerjee conducted a symposium in the Centenary Conference (International), organized by Department of Psychology and Department of Applied Psychology, University of Calcutta during 9th-11th October, 2015.
- ▶ Dr. Rina Rani Ray, Head, Department of Zoology was selected as an Honorary Fellow Member in Academy for Environment and Life Sciences, India. She was awarded “Special Mention Award for Excellence in Research” in EET CRS 3rd Academic Brilliance Award, 2015. She is also supervising a project under Rajiv Gandhi Fellowship and has supervised the Postgraduate project work of a M.Sc student in Environmental Science from Asutosh College, Kolkata.
- ▶ Dr. Abhijit Bhattacharyya of the Hindi department was awarded the title of ‘Vidyavachaspati’ for his research dissertation in 2015.
- ▶ Ten teachers were promoted to the next stage through Career Advancement Scheme. The promotion of 15 other teachers is in process.

Seminars/Lectures/Invited Talks

- ▶ The Department of Chemistry organized an Invited Talk, "Learning Chemistry in the Computer Age", that was delivered by Professor Uday Maitra, Head and Chairman, Department of Organic Chemistry, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore on the 28th of January, 2016.



Seminars/Lectures/Invited Talks

- ▶ An Interactive Study Circle was organized by the PG Department of English in collaboration with the Multifacility Centre for Arts on 'Reconnaissance with Mahesh Dattani: Reading Tara and Bravely Fought the Queen' on September 30, 2015. Eight UGIII, PG I and PG II students read papers that provided new insights into these two texts.



Seminars/Lectures/Invited Talks

- ▶ Department of Psychology organized a seminar on Person Perception. Dr. Sraboni Chatterjee, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology of Bijoy Krishna Girls' College delivered a lecture at the seminar.
- ▶ The 13th Papiya Dutta Roy Memorial lecture organized by the department of Political Science was delivered by Prof Sunanda Ghosh. Title of her lecture was, "Women in the 19th Century Bengal-their Protest and Confrontation Strategies". Prof Sima Kundu delivered the Thirteenth Srabanti Banerjee Memorial lecture on Judicial System in India.
- ▶ The Physics department organized the First Annual "Ananta Kumar Sarker & Snehalata Sarker Memorial One Day Seminar for the Advancement of Knowledge in Physics" on 22nd September, 2015. This seminar was funded by the endowment created by Dr. Annapurna Sarker, Retired Professor of the Department in memory of her parents.
 - ▶ The First Lecture, "Mysterious Space Time -Hundred Years of General Relativity & Beyond" was delivered by Prof. Soumitra Sengupta, Senior Professor, Department of Theoretical Physics, and Dean (Academic Affairs), Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science, Kolkata.
 - ▶ The Second Lecture, "White LED and LASER -An Emerging Lighting Technology" was delivered by Prof. Prasanta Kumar Basu, Retired Professor, Department of Radio Physics & Electronics, University College of Science & Technology, Kolkata.
 - ▶ The 9th Chameli Basu Memorial Lecture was held on December 12, 2015. Dr Dipannita Roychowdhury, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, IIT Kharagpur and an ex-student of the department delivered the lecture titled 'Cryptography: The Art of Hiding.'

Thank You

